



The Whistle

Work and Life at Georgia Tech Monday, July 31, 2023



Targeting Georgia's Future in AI

With Tech playing a significant role, Georgia is well-situated to capitalize on the growing artificial intelligence market. A \$65 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration will open up the Institute's resources to industry professionals to help push the state forward.

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Paying It Forward

Warren Batts, EE 1961, served as CEO of several billion-dollar corporations but remains proudest of being accepted at Tech. His love for his alma mater has driven him to help over 900 students through three scholarship programs.

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Join the New ASPIRE Leadership Development Cohort

Designed to prepare community members looking to ascend into leadership roles, the ASPIRE program is accepting applications through Friday, Aug. 4, for the 2023 cohort.

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Getting to Know You



Meet Victoria Thompson, Chair of the School of History and Sociology

Thompson believes that the skills and perspective students gain from learning and thinking critically about the past can unlock technological and scientific innovation and advancement.

[Meet Victoria](#)



Human Resources Update



Tech Launches New Six-Month Evaluation Process

GTHR has launched phase 2 of the digitized performance management system, which adds six-month probationary period evaluations to the Performance Management @Tech module.

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Faculty/Staff Achievements



Principal Research Engineer **W. Dale Blair** of the Sensors and Electromagnetic Applications Laboratory has been awarded the prestigious Warren D. White Award for Excellence in Radar Engineering by the IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society. The award was presented at the recent 2023 IEEE Radar Conference in San Antonio, Texas.



Pan Li, an assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has received the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Program award. It is the most prestigious honor in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization.



Christopher J. Saldaña, Ring Family Professor and associate professor in the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, has been selected to serve as the director of the Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Technologies Office at the U.S. Department of Energy. Saldaña is charged with executing AMMTO's mission to drive innovation to transform materials and manufacturing for America's energy future.



Upcoming Events

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Wednesday, Aug. 2

9 – 10:30 a.m.

Online

Institute Advisor and

Hearing Panelist

Information Session

Thursday, Aug. 3

4 – 5 p.m.

Online

QPR Suicide Prevention

Training

Friday, Aug. 4

9 – 11 a.m.

G120 Wilby Room, Crosland
Tower

Ballroom Dance Club

Summer Social

Saturday, Aug. 5

7 – 10:30 p.m.

Midtown Ballroom,
Exhibition Hall

Library Archives and
Special Collections Open

House

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Noon – 2 p.m.

Archives Reading Room,
Crosland Tower

D&I Workshop: Brave
Dialogues

Thursday, Aug. 10

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Online

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